

SECRET

Approved For Release 2002/05/20 : CIA-RDP79B01709A001900030010-9

13 October 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Imagery Collection Requirements
Subcommittee

SUBJECT : Increased U-2 Coverage of Cuba

1. As of today, it appears that a Soviet naval task force may be heading for Cuban waters. It is currently estimated that the units could arrive by October 17th or 18th. Based on previous tactics employed by the Soviet Navy in Cuban waters, the surface units could be preceded by a submarine.

2. In order to monitor this politically sensitive situation, the CIA requests that U-2 coverage of Cuba once again be increased over that called for in the USIB requirement. Specifically, it is requested that a mission be flown prior to the arrival of the Soviet surface units (preferably on October 15 or 16, weather permitting). Another mission should be flown as soon as the units are confirmed to be in port and SAC should be prepared to fly approximately one mission per week as long as the units are within Cuban waters. As of today, the primary target is Cienfuegos. Other ports may be identified at a later date, however.

3. Since the 40 Committee has approved two regular U-2 missions for October and has authorized up to five more for situations such as this, there is no further action currently necessary by that Committee.

4. Should the Soviet task force not approach Cuban waters, this requirement will be withdrawn.

25X1A



CIA Member, Imagery
Collection Requirements Subcommittee

Approved For Release 2002/05/20 : CIA-RDP79B01709A001900030010-9

SECRET